Post Office in Pondichcrry. As of now, there is no proposal to open any new Post Office in the Union Territory of Pondichcrry in the next two years.

Statement

New Telephone Exchange opened in the Union Territory of Pondicherry

Year	Location	Capacity
1997-98	Nil	Nil
1998-99	Muthialpet	2500 lines
1999-2000	Natesan Nagar	4500 lines

Exchange proposed to be opened during 2000-2001

1.	Brindawan	6000 Lines
2.	Thavalakuppam	1000 Lines
3.	Ariyankuppam	2000 Lines
4.	Jimper	1000 Lines
5.	Katterikuppam	1000 Lines
6.	Thirubuvanai	1000 Lines
7.	T.R. Pattianam	1500 Lines
8.	Nehru Nagar	1500 Lines

The plan for the year 2001-2002 is yet to be finalised because plans to open new exchanges in the country are drawn on year to year basis based on demand on demand for telephones.

Opening of Post Offices in the Villages of Andhra Pradesh

3132. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CUMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices to be opened in the villages of Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) the number of villages which are still to be provided

with Post Office facilities in the State alongwith the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) by when all these villages in the State are likely to be provided the Post Office facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) A target of opening of 15 Branch Post Offices has been fixed for the villages of Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year.

(b) All the villages in the State have daily delivery and collection of mails. There are 151% villages in the State who do not have a post office located in the village itself. District-wise details are given in the statement *(See below)*

(c) The post offices arc opened as per Annual Plan as a part of Ninth Five Year Plan subject to the fulfilment of prescribed norms, availability of resources and sanctioning of required posts by Ministry of Finance.

Statement

District-Wise Details of Villages Without Post Offices in Andhra Pradesh as on 31/3/2000

Sl.N	Name of District	No. of villages without post office
1.	Anautapur	85
2.	Chittoor	731
3.	Cuddapah	199
4.	Kuraool	61
5.	East Godavari	628
6.	Srikakulam	1556
7	Vishakhapatnam	3685

S.No.	Name of District	No. of viL ages without post office
8.	Vizianagaram	89V
9.	Adilabad	1271
10.	Karimnagar	416
11.	Mahabubnagar	732
12.	Medak	708
13.	Nalgonda	460
14.	Nizamabad	471
15.	Warangal	382
16.	Hyderabad	65
17.	Rangareddy	731
18.	Krishna	287
19.	Guntur	5
20.	Khammam	672
21.	Nellore	476
22.	Prakasam	472
23.	West Godavari	207
	TOTAL:	15196

Provision of PCOs in Uttar Pradesh

† 3133. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) The district-wise number of PCOs currently functioning in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the norms adopted for installing a PCO;

(c) whether any target has been fixed by Government to install PCOs in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2000-2001; and

(d) if so, the deetails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKADAR): (a) Sir, the telecom district-wise information is given in the Statement enclosed *(See* below)

(b) PCOs are allotted liberally to all the eligible

† Orginal notice of the quesmn was received in Hindi.